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56/511. Organization of the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 56/218 of 21 December 2001, by which it decided that a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly should be held on 16 September 2002 to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development, in line with paragraph 5 of the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2001 of the Economic and Social Council,[1] which called on the United Nations system and the international community to support the New African Initiative, now called the New Partnership for Africa's Development, adopted by the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity, at its thirty-seventh ordinary session, held in Lusaka from 9 to 11 July 2001,[2] and that preparations for the plenary meeting should be made during the fifty-sixth session of the General Assembly,

Convinced of the value of an interactive component to the high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly,

1. *Decides* that the high-level plenary meeting to consider how to support the New Partnership for Africa's Development to be held on 16 September 2002 shall consist of two plenary meetings, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and one separate informal panel;

2. *Decides also* that the list of speakers for the debate in plenary shall be organized on a first-come, first-served basis. The order of precedence shall be as follows: (*a*) heads of State/heads of Government; (*b*) Vice-Presidents/Crown Princes or Princesses; (*c*) Deputy Prime Ministers; (*d*) the highest-ranking official of the Holy See and Switzerland, in their capacity as observer States, and of Palestine, in its capacity as observer; (*e*) Ministers; (*f*) Vice-Ministers; and (*g*) chairmen of delegations. Should the level of representation change, the replacement speaker will be accommodated in the last position available in the appropriate category;

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[1] See *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 3* (A/56/3/Rev.1), chap. III, para. 29.

[2] See A/56/457, annex I, AHG/Decl. 1 (XXXVII).

3. *Decides further* that the informal panel shall be held from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., in parallel with the afternoon plenary meeting, and that it will have as its theme "The international community's partnership with the New Partnership for Africa's Development";

4. *Decides* that the informal panel shall have five panellists who will be the heads of State of the five initiating countries of the New Partnership for Africa's Development, namely, Nigeria, South Africa, Algeria, Senegal and Egypt;

5. *Decides also* that the head of State of Nigeria shall present orally a summary of the discussions in the informal panel to the General Assembly at the end of the debate in plenary.

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15 August 2002